COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, *the* *2nd of August 1929.* / *18th of Karkadagam 1104.*

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, E. Ikkanda Warriar and S. S. Koder were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Petitions of the late salt contractor.

121. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state if orders have been passed on the petitions of the late salt contractor, Mr. Arunachalam Chettiar, referred to in question No. 11 of the Special Session of 1104; if so, what are the orders?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Yes. The petitions were recorded.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There were four petitions requesting to compensate his losses. The first petition to compensate his losses was in 1097, the next petition was in 1098 and the other two in 1100. The answer given is that these petitions are recorded. Is this only a disposal for statistical purposes and is it the final disposal?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—It is the final disposal.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was the request granted or refused?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Refused. Recorded means the request will not be granted.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the cause of this long delay—nearly four years—to pass this order?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—There may be several causes for that. If you want the several causes, I want notice.

Publication of the price of paddy in the Gazette.

122. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read the article published in the 'Kudiyan Patrika,' dated 23rd Meenam 1104, pointing out the necessity for publishing in the Government Gazette the market rates of paddy;

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